

(b)REPORT.—Not later than March 1, 1997, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a

report containing—

(1) the findings and conclusions of the Secretary resulting from the review under subsection (a); and

(2) a plan for implementing resulting recommendations, including proposals for legislation (with supporting rationale) that would be required as a result of the review.

(3) REDUCTION IN TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED.—

In developing the plan under subsection (b)(2), the Secretary shall

make every effort to provide for significant reductions in the overall

number of military and civilian personnel assigned to or serving

in the military department headquarters staffs

(4) MILITARY DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS STAFFS DEFINED.—

For the purposes of this section, the term "military department

headquarters staffs" means the offices, organizations, and other

elements of the Department of Defense comprising the following:

(5) The Office of the Secretary of the Army.

(6) The Army Staff.

(7) The Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.

(8) The Air Staff.

(9) The Office of the Secretary of the Navy.

(10) The Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

(11) Headquarters, Marine Corps.

**SEC. 905. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN NEXT ASSESSMENT OF
10 USC 161 note.**

**CURRENT MISSIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND
FORCE**

STRUCTURE OF THE UNIFIED COMBATANT COMMANDS.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall consider

as part of the next periodic review by the Chairman of the

missions, responsibilities, and force structure of the unified combatant

commands pursuant to section 16Kb) of title 10, United States

Code, the following matters:

(12) Whether there exists an adequate distribution of

threats, mission requirements, and responsibilities for

geographic areas among the regional unified combatant commands.

(13) Whether reductions in the overall force structure of the Armed Forces permit the United States to better execute

its warfighting plans through fewer or differently configured unified combatant commands, including—

(14) a total of five or fewer commands, all of which are regional;

(15) a total of three commands consisting of an eastward-oriented command, a westward-oriented command, and a central command;

(16) a purely functional command structure, involving (for example) a first theater command, a second theater command, a logistics command, a special contingencies command, and a strategic command; or

(17) any other command structure or configuration the Chairman finds appropriate.

- (18) Whether any missions, staff, facilities, equipment, training programs, or other assets or activities of the unified combatant commands are redundant.
- (19) Whether warfighting requirements are adequate to justify the current functional commands.